

ENGLAND'S WARNING-PIECE; Or, A serious Call to Repentance:

Being an Account of a VISION seen in the Parish Church
of Walsen, in the County of Norfolk.

ON the 24th Day of December, 1777, the Bells being heard to ring after a melodious Manner, more than ever had been before heard, put the Inhabitants into a great Surprize; upon which Mr. John Coulston, the Clerk and Sexton, knowing that they had the Keys in Possession, went to the Church to see what was the Matter.

One of them said to the other, Let us go to Mr. King (he being the Minister that was to preach that Day) and all of them coming in a great Surprize, and standing to hear the Bells ring so sweetly, Mr. King said, In the Name of the Lord let us open the Door.

This said he exhorted them all to pray:—which done, Mr. King said, Our heavenly Father, we are coming at thy Call. So praying, the Clerk in the Name of the Lord open'd the Door. They went to Prayers in Church together; after which they went up into the Belfry, and finding the Bells still ringing, Mr. King looking round, espied a Child, to his thinking, about seven Years old, cloathed in White, and on his Head a Crown of Gold, causing the Bells to ring with the Breath of his Mouth, which surprized them. Mr. King said, In the Name of the Lord who art thou? He answered, I am the Messenger of the Lord, and am come to exhort all Men to Repentance.—Then Mr. King said, On what Account art thou come to bring this Message? He answered, I am sent from the Lord to desire you to keep constant at your Prayers both Night & Morning, and to give God Thanks, and to warn you all to prepare against the dreadful Day of Judgment, when the whole World will be destroyed by Fire.

The said Messenger proceeded in his Exhortations for Repentance: Then said the Reverend Divine, How dost thou know these Things? He answered, My heavenly Master doth not declare them to his Servants, but hath sent me among you to warn you to repent of your Sins, before he stretcheth his Hand too

heavy upon you; and I have a further Miracle to shew you yet? So clapping his Hand upon his Crown, there approached a Man cloathed in White, whose Hair was exceeding bright, and shined more glorious than Stars in the Sky, and after him eleven Angels cloathed in White, and each a Crown of Gold on his Head, singing Hallelujahs unto their heavenly King.

They said unto this Child, Go shew these People a further Miracle, that they may be sure we are the Messengers of the Most High.

Then taking them into the Chancel, he said unto the Men, Pull up that Stone. At which they all tried, but were not able to move it: The Reverend Divine said, Lord be merciful unto us. But the Child replied, Stand you by, you are afraid of the Handwork of the Lord: if you be so weak in Faith when a Messenger of the Lord be with you, how can you be strong enough to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven? Then he laid his Hand upon the Stone, turning it over to the Surprize of all the Spectators present.

From under this Stone he pulled out a Roll, wrote in Letters of Gold, saying,

ENGLAND! ENGLAND! turn
from thy Wickedness, and Repent
with Speed. Amen. Amen.

Then they all vanished away, with secret Melody of Music, to the great Amazenent of all the Beholders.

The Truth of which we certify to be Matter of Fact. Given under our Hands the 30th of December, 1777.

Mr. KING, } Ministers.
Mr. HORNE, }

W. CHAMBERS, Churchwarden.
J. COULSTON, Clerk.
JOHN BOON, Sexton.